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**Re: State Universal Service Support of Basic Local Service included in a
Bundled Service Offering or Contract Offering
Docket No. 2009-326-C**

Dear David:

On September 3, 2009, Windstream South Carolina, LLC ("Windstream") filed a motion for protective order and request for confidential treatment of responses to certain discovery requests from the South Carolina Cable Television Association, CompSouth, tw telecom of south carolina llc, and Nuvox Communications, Inc. Windstream proposes to limit the dissemination of the information sought to those persons associated with the parties who have a need to know for purposes of this proceeding and to prevent disclosure to those persons involved in selling, marketing or otherwise using such information for competitive purposes.

We do not oppose this motion and have sent counsel for Windstream a proposed confidentiality agreement like the one we have entered with Embarq. The primary difference between the agreement Windstream proposed and our version is that ours explicitly reserves to the parties the right to apply to the Commission for relief if, upon reviewing documents produced as confidential, we disagree with that designation. We will let you know if we are unable to resolve this minor disagreement.

Please let me know if you have any questions about our position on this issue.

Yours truly,

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